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The Claims

1. (Previously amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

5 a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said
10 standardized freight containers, and said platform based container open sided being rectangular in shape; [and]

b. a plurality of panels erected on and connected to said platform based container open sided, creating an enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided for containing livestock; and

c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said panels a selected distance for containing waste produced by said livestock.

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2. (Previously amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based
25 container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform based container
30 open sided being rectangular in shape;

b. at least one panel erected on said platform based container open sided such that an enclosed area on said platform based container open sided for containing livestock exists;

c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said
35 impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said


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- 1 enclosed area a selected distance for containing waste produced by said livestock.
3. (Previously amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
- 5 a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,
 2. a perimeter extending around said top of said base, defined by two side edges and two end edges,
 3. said side edges and said end edges meeting at four corners,
 - 10 4. said rectangular platform based container open sided having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,
 5. said posts together with said two side edges and said two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said perimeter of said base,
 6. at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to the air during transit of said rectangular platform based container open sided; and wherein
 - 20 b. at least one of said plurality of panels erected on and connected to said rectangular platform based container open sided, creating an enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided for containing livestock, extends across said one of said four perimeter planar areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.
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4. (Previously amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein:
- a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,
 - 30 2. a perimeter extending around said top of said base, defined by two side edges and two end edges,
 3. said side edges and said end edges meeting at four corners,
 4. said rectangular platform based container open sided
 - 35 having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,

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- 1 5. said posts together with said two side edges and said
two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending
perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said
perimeter of said base,
- 5 6. at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to
the air during transit of said rectangular platform based
container open sided; and wherein
- 10 b. said at least one panel erected on said rectangular platform
based container open sided such that an enclosed area on said
rectangular platform based container open sided for containing
livestock exists, extends across said one of said four perimeter planar
areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.
-  15 5. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 1, further comprising:
an impermeable membrane disposed on said top of said platform based
container open sided.
- 20 6. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 2, further comprising:
an impermeable membrane disposed on said top of said platform based
container open sided.
- 25 7. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 3, further comprising:
an impermeable membrane disposed on said top of said rectangular
platform.
- 30 9. (Original) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
said panel consists of a frame, and paneling is attached to said frame
to prevent livestock seeing out of said pen.
- 35 10. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein:
said panel consists of a frame, and paneling is attached to said frame
to prevent livestock seeing out of said pen.

- 1 11. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 3, wherein:
said panel consists of a frame, and paneling is attached to said frame
to prevent livestock seeing out of said pen.
- 5 12. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 4, wherein:
said panel consists of a frame, and paneling is attached to said frame
to prevent livestock seeing out of said pen.
- 10 13. (Previously amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
one of said panels is formed with a flange hook that anchors said
panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.
- 15 14. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein:
one of said panels is formed with a flange hook.
- 15 15. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 3, wherein:
one of said panels is formed with a flange hook.
- 20 16. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 4, wherein:
one of said panels is formed with a flange hook.
- 25 17. (Original) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein at least two panels are
used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further
comprises:
a tensioning member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.
- 30 18. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein at least two panels
are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen
further comprises:
a tensioning member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.
- 35 19. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 3, wherein at least two panels
are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen
further comprises:
a tensioning member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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1 20. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 4, wherein at least two panels are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further comprises:

a tensioning member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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21. (Original) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein at least two panels are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further comprises:

a bracing member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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22. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein at least two panels are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further comprises:

a bracing member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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23. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 3, wherein at least two panels are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further comprises:

a bracing member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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24. (Canceled) The livestock pen of claim 4, wherein at least two panels are used and said panels are disposed opposite each other and said pen further comprises:

a bracing member connecting said oppositely disposed panels.

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25. (Previously amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein said panel comprises:

a. a frame having a top and a bottom; and

b. a flange hook mounted to the bottom of said frame that anchors said panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.

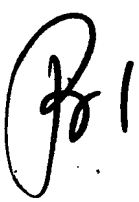
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26. (Original) The panel of claim 25, further comprising:
means for receiving a tensioning member connected to said frame.

35 27. (Original) The panel of claim 26, wherein:
said means for receiving a tensioning member is a winch assembly.

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- 1 28. (Original) The panel of claim 26, wherein:
said means for receiving a tensioning member is a hook assembly.
29. (Canceled) A pen for transporting freight by rail, truck or on a
5 container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:
a. a platform based container open sided; and
b. a plurality of panels erected on and connected to said
rectangular platform based container open sided, creating an enclosed
area on said rectangular platform based container open sided for
10 containing freight; and
c. a bracing member connecting a plurality of said panels.
-  15 30. (Previously amended) A method of transporting livestock, comprising:
a. erecting an enclosure on a platform based container open sided
with panels, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side
walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said
platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings
to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open
sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform
20 based container open sided being rectangular in shape, said enclosure
having an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosure, said
impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said
enclosure a selected distance for containing waste produced by said
livestock;
25 b. loading livestock into said enclosure;
c. loading said platform based container with said livestock onto a
means of transport;
d. moving said means of transport;
e. unloading said livestock from said enclosure
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31. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein:
said means of transport is a container ship.
32. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein:
35 said means of transport is a truck.

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1 33. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein:
said means of transport is a rail car.

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